2b: Response to an Active Threat

- **RUN/ESCAPE**
  - If possible

- **HIDE**
  - If escape is not possible

- **FIGHT**
  - Only as a last resort
Response to an Active Threat

• An Active Threat is an emergency situation involving a person or persons who are actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people by acts of either random or systemic violence

• In the event of an active shooter or threat situation, report it immediately to the VA police
  • Seattle ext. 6-2899 or 6-3113
  • American Lake ext. 7-4019
Surviving an Active Shooter Event

• **Escape (Run)**
  • Plan escape route
  • Leave belongings behind
  • Help others
  • Prevent others from entering area
  • Do not move wounded
• **Evade (Hide)**
  • Lock and barricade doors
  • Turn off lights, radios, computers
  • Block windows, close blinds
  • Silence cell phones
  • Remain calm, quiet, out of sight
  • Contact authorities
  • Give first aid to injured
• Engage (Fight)
  • Fight only as a last resort when life is in imminent danger
  • Act swiftly and aggressively
  • Try to incapacitate the attacker
  • Use any weapon you can find (scissors, heavy objects)
When the Police Arrive . . .

• Follow their directions
• Put down any items you are holding
• Keep hands visible at all times
• Remain in sheltered location
• Relay all information to Officers
• No quick movements
• Do not grab on to Officers
More Information on Active Shooters

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0
  (Surviving an Active Shooter Event)
• TMS Course: VHA Active Threat Training #24638
• Active Threat information located on
  • VA Home Page
  • Emergency Procedures (SharePoint site)
  • ACTIVE THREAT